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Sir: Unfortunately for our country, too many Americans agree with Mr. Brund ("Defense Policy," March 6) that the only hope for the forestalling of war is to race the U.S.S.R. in arms production and to command the growing national emphasis upon Civil Defense in preparation for possible war emergencies.

According to Allen Dulles, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, we have no evidence that Russia plans a military attack on the United States or anyone else. Why then are we so preoccupied with the expectation of war? Of what realistic value to our city is, for example, a shelter for 3,000 people under the Civic Center, when our Federal Civil Defense Administration admits that "radioactive fallout makes the whole United States a target area from which there is no running?" Can the Communists be correct in their belief that heavy defense spending is necessary to keep free capitalism going?

Let us face the fact that our only real defense is the abolishing of war. We cooperated with Russia to defeat Hitler; now we must cooperate again to prevent our mutual suicide.

Patricia DiMeo.

Baltimore, March 19.

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